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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ZAMBIA OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WADAJIO, ACCOMPANIED BY ASST MIN IN CHARGE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS ASSEFAW LEGGESE, VISITED LUSAKA MARCH 14 CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA FROM PMG CHAIRMAN GENERAL BENTI.

IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE WODAJIO EXPLAINED HE WAS HERE ALSO TO BRIEF ZAMBIAN LEADERS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA. COMMENTING ON ERITREAN SITUATION, WODAJIO ACCUSED IRAQ, SYRIA, AND KUWAIT OF SUPPORTING SECESSIONISTS. OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE BY THESE COUNTRIES, HE SAID, IS HAMPERING PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ERITREAN PROBLEM WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT TO ETHIOPIANS THEMSELVES. WODAJIO WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT FATE OF FORMER EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. WADAJIO, WHO WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA AND BY ZAMBIAN AMB TO ETHIOPIA, SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED STATE HOUSE TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE.

 $2.\ EXCEPT$ FOR ABOVE FACTS, WHICH APPAREARED ON MARCH 15, ZAMBIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS HAS BEEN OTHERWISE SILENT ABOUT WADAJIO VISIT, NOT EVEN

MARKING HIS DEPARTURE. WE SUSPECT THAT ZAMBIAN GOVT, WHOSE ATTITUDE TOWARD PMG HAS BEEN AMBIVALENT AT BEST, IS NOT REALLY PREPARED TO FOCUS ON ETHIOPIA AT THIS TIME WHEN IT IS ALREADY PREOCCUPIED WITH RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS.
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